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ISTOOK CALLED "TAXPAYER'S HERO" AGAIN

Washington, D.C. - The taxpayer watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW), today issued a report rating Members of Congress on their votes on spending. For his second year in office, Oklahoma Congressman Ernest Istook, (R-5th District), once again earned the title, "Taxpayer's Hero."

The group ranked Representatives based on 37 fiscal votes in the House. A score of 80 percent or higher earns the title of "Taxpayer's Hero." Rep. Istook's score places him among the top 20 House members out of 435, and makes him the most favorably ranked of the 60-member House Appropriations Committee. Istook ranked 6th of the more than 100 member freshman class.

"I look forward to the day when voting against government waste isn't a heroic thing to do, but an everyday occurrence," Istook said during the report's presentation.

"I have always pledged to be a strong opponent of government's big and wasteful spending, and this survey shows my actions continue to match my words."

To make their determination, CAGW monitored 37 key House spending votes.

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Attached: CAGW Listing of Oklahoma delegation